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Summer Convention Plans Are Drawn

The plans and preparations for the 1960 American Law Students Association National Convention to be hosted by the George Washington University Law School are well on their way. The convention is to be held from Saturday, August 27th to Wednesday, August 31st in conjunction with the American Bar Association Convention here in Washington. The business meetings and social activities are to be centered in Convention Headquarters, the Willard Hotel.

A tentative schedule has been planned and is as follows:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

- 12 noon-5 p.m.
Registration
Willard Hotel, Peacock Alley
- 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
Tour of D. C.
- 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Reception at the Japanese Embassy
- 7 p.m.
Barbeque Dinner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

- Church Service of Choice
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Registration
Willard Hotel, Grand Ballroom Foyer
- 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
House of Delegates
Grand Ballroom
(first session)
- 8 p.m.
ALSA Reception
Crystal Room

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

- 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Host School Breakfast
Willard Hotel, Grand Ballroom
- 10 a.m.-noon
ABA Assembly
Statler-Hilton Hotel
- 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
House of Delegates
Willard Hotel, Grand Ballroom
(second session)
- 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Conference on Personal Finance
Shoreham Hotel
- Law, Debate and Reception
- 8 p.m.
Potomac Cruise

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

- 9 a.m.-noon
Conference for SBA
Willard Hotel, Jackson Room
- Presidents (two sessions)
- 1 p.m.-6 p.m.
Student Bar Workshops
Monroe Room
(two sessions) *Jefferson Room*
Madison Room
- 7:30-9:30 p.m.
ALSA Legal Film Program
South Ballroom

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Justice Tom Clark Highlights 1960 Law Day Program This Saturday



Justice Tom Clark

S.B.A. Elections

Set For April 28-29

Campaigning for the 11 elective jobs on the Student Bar Association Board of Governors began last week and will run through the election period April 28 and 29.

The 11 jobs sought are president, day v-p, night v-p, treasurer, secretary, two day delegates, technically known as members-at-large, two night delegates, a bookstore manager and a bookstore treasurer. Several jobs are limited to night students and several to day students, according to Dale Carlisle, present president of the S.B.A. Only night students may hold the positions of night v-p, night delegates-at-large and bookstore manager. The jobs of day v-p, day delegates and bookstore treasurer may only be filled by day students. The other positions may be held by either day or night students.

The elected officers plus five other members selected by the Board of Governors serve as the ruling body of the Law School. Included under the direction of the Board is the supervision of the Law Day program, the professional and social programs, the SBA tours and movies. The Board also sponsors intramural events, a special library section and the AMICUS CURIAE.

Announcement of the winners will be made at the Law Day dinner.

The 1960 Law Day commemoration to be held this Saturday at the Shoreham Hotel promises to be an enlightening and enjoyable evening for all who attend. The festivities will commence with a free cocktail party at 6:30. Dinner will be served at 7:30 followed by dancing to the music of Larry Laine.

Associate Justice Tom Clark of the Supreme Court of the United States will be the honored guest speaker. Justice Clark received both his A.B. and LL.B. from the University of Texas. He began his distinguished career in Texas in the private practice of law. He was soon to become the Civil District Attorney for Dallas County. In 1937, he joined the Department of Justice as an attorney where he served as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Anti-trust division, as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, and in other capacities. President Truman named him Attorney General of the United States in 1945 and in 1949 nominated him to his present post as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Justice Clark is the first Texan ever appointed to the Court.

The master of ceremonies will be Charles Rhyne, the founder of Law Day, U.S.A., and a past president of the American Bar Association.

Distinguished alumni of the law school expected include Senator Frank Moss (Utah), Rep. Robert Levering (Ohio), Rep. E. Ross Adair (Ind.), Rep. Robt. Chipfield (Ill.), Rep. Paul Rogers (Fla.), Rep. Joe Evins (Tenn.), Rep. Frank Karsten (Mo.).

Awards will be presented to the Outstanding Law Student, for SBA service and Legal Aid.

A limited number of tickets are available at the subsidized rate of \$5.50 per person which includes dinner, dancing, and cocktails. These tickets may be purchased from Marvin Stern, Phil Main, Dale Carlisle, Joe Visek, Tom

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Editorial

99 AND 44/100%

As of the commencing of school after the Spring vacation, the Law School officials sadly lamented the old, old tale that not all the grades have been received. They are faced with the dilemma of having to sit and wait for those professors who have not turned in their grades for whatever reason and trying to pacify those students who cannot stand the suspense of wondering whether or not they have spent another semester at the Law School only to find that they did not successfully complete the previous semester.

The old promotional phrase of 99 and 44/100% pure has no meaning with the University Registrar. None of the grades will be sent out until every one has been received from the Law School. The Registrar has stated that he will not interrupt his work on the June Convocation in order to send out the grades that he has, even though it be all of them except one course. In other words, third year students or night students will have to sit and wait if a first year course has not been reported in.

Perhaps the grades will be ready by Law Day as that would undoubtedly be a fitting tribute. Perhaps the new IBM system will figure out a way that will enable the Registrar in the future to send out those partial grades without any great inconvenience. Perhaps the Professors will get their grading completed before the start of the Spring Examinations.

CAMPUS COMEDY



"I MADE UP TWO FINAL EXAMS, ONE I LET SLIP OUT, AND THE OTHER ONE IS FOR REAL!"

The President's Corner

by Dale Carlisle

Although you will find another story on Law Day I want to add my comments in pointing out the benefits of attending. I only wish to comment on whether you are getting your dollars-worth or not. The \$11 per couple tab covers a free cocktail reception before dinner; two dinners, and the dance ticket. If any of you went out for an evening like this to one of the less expensive places, say an officers club, you would come close to the same price tab, and an officers club isn't the Shoreham Hotel. In checking prices of program sponsored in the other law schools I find Catholic University Law School is sponsoring a program at their undergraduate campus. The price for two dinners, served in their recreation hall, is \$11 with no cocktails and no dance. Neither Georgetown nor American University Law Schools have Law Day observances other than luncheons.

To a completely different topic now, which you all are well aware of if you read the April issue of the *Student Lawyer* magazine, or any of the recent issues of the *Amicus Curiae*, the ALSA Summer Convention. The fact that the convention is here in Washington, supplemented by the fact our School is Hosting the convention, offers a rare opportunity for any of you to meet with Law Students from approximately 80% of the accredited Law Schools in the United States on both the professional and the social level. The program includes a long list of professional as well as social functions open to any law student who desires to attend. The registration fee of \$10 covers luncheon and breakfast in addition to three receptions and all the professional programs on the meeting agenda. Of equal importance to this is the fact that the ALSA delegates badge carries admission for you to any programs connected with the American Bar Association meeting which runs concurrently with the ALSA meeting. The fact that the program for the American Bar meetings runs 35 pages indicates some of the benefits... included in the program are social events and the meetings of the many sections of the ABA. One highlight of the program will be an address by President Eisenhower at one General Assembly meeting. The attendance at these American Bar meetings usually runs around the 4,000 mark.

The clean-up of the Law School initiated with the painting currently in progress in the halls has got to be a give-and-take proposition between the administration of the law school and the students. The administration has done their part in starting with the painting and clean-up. The students part is to keep the place clean. Biggest offenses include leaving pop bottles, paper cups, and remains of lunches around the school, on desks, floors, and steps.

Now an item or two to place in your "facts on file" folder... devoted to GRADES. I have recently voiced displeasure to the secretary of the Law School and the Dean about the deplorable situation we have for students being notified of their grades basing my complaints on the following facts. Two years ago, while attending a meeting of the ALSA in Los Angeles, I surveyed many of the schools attending concerning the time it took them to be notified of their grades after the semester exams. Of the 10 schools contacted which seemed to be as close as possible to our own type school the longest period was 6 weeks. This year the grades at Georgetown were distributed on March and in recent past years at Georgetown this time has never been exceeded. It is a severe detriment to the first year student to be less than one month away from his second semester finals before finding out how he did the first semester... certainly there can be no change other than from "Bad-to-worse" with less than a month to change study and review habits. We now have a post-card system which was non-existent before and, benefits some, but it is not heavily used. It is an improvement and is not a license for professors to take longer. One semester of unusual circumstances is an excuse, but not when it seems to happen every semester. A change-over in administration is also an excuse, but again not when it seems to happen every semester. No matter what the cause of this situation the injury to one student can follow him to years far beyond his law school career (if he lasts long enough to make it a career). The benefits of grades are negative if the present situation is continued. I for one would rather have no grade at all than a notice of success, mediocrity, or failure to wish me well in the next set of exams with no chance to adjust practices in light of it.

Bailey Discusses "Advantage Test"

by John McCormack

The question that has set the pot boiling in the patent law field is whether or not an inferior invention can contribute to progress. Malcolm Bailey originator of the whole stew kept the thing bubbling merrily along at a recent SBA lecture. Mr. Bailey, Chief Examiner of the Board of Appeals for the U. S. Patent Office and a G. W. alumnus, favored the SBA with an elucidation of his position in an interesting address delivered in Room 10.

Mr. Bailey says that "new advantage" is a must before letters patent will issue and wrote two extensive articles in the *Patent Office Society Journal* to explain why. This provoked the storm and after the Board of Appeals had held the application of Ratti unpatentable for having no demonstrated advantage over the prior art, the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals reversed them and rejected the "advantage" test. The opinion by Judges Smith and Rich expressly cited and disapproved the Journal of the Patent Office Society essays by Chief Bailey. Judge Rich followed shortly with a defense of "No - Advantage" patents in a provocative article in the *George Washington Law Review* of January 1960 that suggested that even a wholly inferior device could merit a patent on the ground that the scope of the art was broadened both as to knowledge and choice of means. Mr. Bailey rejoined in his talk for the SBA in which he spelled out his "Advantage test" to the students. This is based upon reading 35 U.S.C. 101 as requiring, in the light of the Constitutional demand for the promotion of progress (Article 1, section 8), that the device exhibit either a hitherto unobtained result, a basic invention, or a better way of producing a known result.

In a study of the Constitutional purpose behind the patent status, and the etymology of such sticklers as "progress, useful, and improvement," Mr. Bailey touched upon both the historical basis for his position and some of its workaday applications in the papermaking, telephone and nuclear reactor fields.

It appears that reconciling the Bailey and Rich views is not impossible. First, there are few cases where some sort of new advantage or effect may not be shown. Further, since "improvement" as Mr. Bailey states, can mean increased value, the mere quality of being a substitute device, albeit a full equivalent, can readily clothe the devices with increased

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

9 a.m.-noon

House of Delegates

Willard Hotel, South Ballroom

(third session)

12:30 p.m.

ALSA Luncheon

Grand Ballroom

9:30 p.m.

ABA President's Reception

National Gallery of Arts

Registration on Saturday will be followed by a tour of the D. C. area which will include such high points as the many memorials, the National Cemetery at Arlington, and the Supreme Court Chambers. Immediately following the tour a reception will be held at the Japanese Embassy and the evening will be topped off by a Barbeque Dinner.

Sunday evening will give the delegates a chance to form a closer acquaintance with fellow members and their dates at the ALSA Reception. The GWU Law School will play host to the delegates at Monday morning's Host School Breakfast. In the evening a cruise on the scenic Potomac, complete with band and refreshments, should provide a very entertaining evening.

A Legal Film Program is the tentative social program for Tuesday evening and as a grand climax to the social schedule the delegates and their wives or dates will be guests at the President's Reception of the American Bar Association in the National Gallery of Arts on Wednesday evening. Business meetings, conferences and Student Bar Workshops will provide the more cultural side to the daily agenda.

Although the Convention is still five months away now is the time to note this event on your calendar. The registration fee for a George Washington student will be comparatively nominal since rooming accommodations will not be necessary.

value. A substitute is valuable per se. There are the further "new advantages" of increasing the range of selection for manufacturers and for consumers of the device. Difference per se is advantageous, in short. Moreover, a close inspection of novelty and obviousness often renders the supposed dis-advantageous device unpatentable on these other grounds, as in Ratti.

The large attendance at this SBA lecture is evidence both of the wide interest in this question and of Chief Bailey's repute. Dean Benson and SBA President Dale Carlisle welcomed such guests as Assistant Commissioner of Patent Crews and members of the Patent Office Board of Appeals. Joe Visek and Lou Oberhauser were in charge of the meetings.

Case Club Rounds Finish This Week

The preliminary rounds of the Van Vleck Case Club are in progress and will be completed April 27.

Each team argues the appellant's and the appellee's side during the preliminary rounds and from this group, eight teams will be selected to compete in the quarter finals next fall.

The case argued involves the immunity of a YMCA Health Club from a tort action on the ground that the YMCA is a charitable institution. In the case a club member was burned by a sun lamp after an attendant left the room and failed to warn the plaintiff of the danger of the lamp.

Judges include professors, alumni and former Case Club participants who are still students. Case Club Sheldon Engelhard has announced that elections for new officers will be held after the completion of the preliminary rounds.

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Smegal, Joyce Kapps, Howard Rockman, Mike Naftalin, Ron Willoner, Lou Oberhauser, Jim Williams, Jerry Cooke, Ernie Auerbach, Pete Velde, or Dean Potts. Tickets at the door (if available) will cost \$7.50 per person.

Alumni tickets may be obtained through Mr. Stanley Tracy at the Alumni office at a cost of \$7.50 per person.

This year, the Law Day commemoration is under the chairmanship of Larry Margolis. Members of his committee are Larry Berul, Marvin Stern, Howard Rockman, Jack Phillips and Bob Thompson.

Professor Dixon Better

Professor Robert G. Dixon is vastly improving from a recent sickness. An early release from the George Washington Hospital is expected soon. He will resume his teaching duties in the very near future. As he is unable to have visitors at this time, Professor Dixon has asked Dean Potts to express his appreciation for the many notes, cards and flowers that he has received.

Legal Fraternity News

Phi Alpha Delta

The highlight of Phi Alpha Delta's Spring social program was a lavish banquet at the Occidental Restaurant, which was attended by 120 people. Among them were delegates from Taft Chapter at Georgetown University and from the new chapter of PAD now forming at American University. The guest speaker was the famous trial lawyer, H. Mason Welch, who talked on "Trial Technique."

Last semester's pledges, now brothers in good standing, are: Clyde G. Abell, Jr., George D. Becker, Samuel H. Deppe, III, Sheldon Engelhard, Julian Falk, LeRoy Fiergang, Jay M. Finklestein, Harvey S. Hertz, Albert C. Hodgson, Philip C. Howk, Harvey Kaye, Carl S. Koenig, Ronald B. Natalie, Robert S. Ohl, Joseph F. Pagano, Howard B. Rockman, Joseph Roher, Leonard S. Selman, Marvin R. Stern, Steven F. Stone, John E. Vetter and Jerry D. Williams.

Law School Sponsors Symposiums at Lisner

The Hospital and the Law Symposium—May 3. This program will be conducted by the Institute of Forensic Medicine, a part of the National Law Center of the George Washington University. The Institute is a joint venture of the Schools of Medicine and Law. This symposium is the first of a series to be presented on problems of common concern to the legal and medical professions and to the public which they serve. Registration fee, \$10.00.

The Isaac Ray Lectures for 1960—May 3-5. This lectureship is awarded annually by the American Psychiatric Association to a physician or lawyer who has made a significant contribution to a better understanding of the relationship of psychiatry and law. This year's lectures will be given by Dr. Maxwell Jones, an eminent British psychiatrist. His lectures, to be given on three successive evenings, will deal with the application of social psychiatry to "The Changing Community, Hospitals, and Prisons." The public is cordially invited.

All of these lectures will be held at Lisner Auditorium.

The new officers, ready and eager to carry on in the PAD tradition, are: Jerry Cooke, Justice; Florian H. Jabas, Vice-Justice; Mark Rollinson, Clerk; William S. Corey, Treasurer, and Stanley M. Hochhauser, Marshall.

Athletic Director Parnell Porter has an active sports program planned for the brotherhood this semester. At present, PAD is unbeaten in intra-mural softball.

Due the great benefit that its participants have reaped, Brother Corwin Horton expects to continue the PAD Toastmasters' effective speaking program throughout the summer months. This function is open to all students.

The final function of this semester's rushing program was a professional meeting, held at the Roger Smith Hotel. The guest speaker was the noted and widely-traveled economist, William Hopper, who lectured on "Canadian Economic Development."

Winding up the semester will be a dinner at the Caravan Room of the Army-Navy Club, at which this semester's pledges will be honored. The guest speaker will be Dr. Murdock Head, who will discuss "Medicine and the Law."

ALSA Offers Book "Job Opportunities"

The American Law Student Association has just finished printing its 1959 edition of "Federal Government Job Opportunities for Young Attorneys." The pamphlet indicates the high demand for lawyers in the nation's capital as over 1,800 job openings are listed. Included is a listing of openings in the Judge Advocate General staffs of the armed services.

This pamphlet was initiated recently as one of the Standing Committees of the A.L.S.A. and the committee has surveyed over 49 federal government agencies as of approximately January 1, 1960 in order that this pamphlet can be brought up to date each year. Information included on each agency is salary range, type work, present and anticipated openings, the qualifications required, and where to file.

This pamphlet is one of the beneficial aspects of A.L.S.A. which extends directly to the students. Two copies of the pamphlet are available at the desk in the library.

Legal Aid Society Ends Second Year

Legal Aid has now concluded its second year with the greatest number of criminal cases handled in any single semester since the organization's inception. Commencing with the new semester in February the organization has undertaken twenty-two District Court cases and were able to obtain three acquittals due to the industry and diligence of the students who handled these cases. Legal aid also handled five appellate cases, and three Juvenile Cases. This was accomplished without any increase in the student enrollment for the program.

Chairman Ed Freeman feels that it is most unfortunate that other students do not avail themselves of the opportunity to gain invaluable experience and at the same time render a service which they will have to perform in the future when they become attorneys. By joining the Legal Aid Committee, Chairman Freeman states, the student will achieve a sense of pride in a service that our judicial system needs if it is to maintain the standards under which it functions.

The Committee would like to express its sincere thanks to all those who have in any manner contributed to its success and growth during this academic year. The members of the staff who unselfishly gave of their free time in order to maintain office hours for the committee, James Weaver, Jerry Rabinowitz, Stuart Kahn and Henry Green, all the secretaries of the Law School who maintained the lines of communication when the office wasn't open, Mrs. Aeirstock, Mrs. Lord, Miss Parks and Miss White, and the twenty-five students who handled the cases that were given to the Committee by the Junior Bar of the District of Columbia Bar.

At Law Day the Legal Aid Committee will award achievement certificates to those students of the organization who demonstrated the high ideals of the Committee and the profession to which they are aspiring. The recipients are: Dale Carlisle, Arthur Schwartz, Clarence Felder, Bernice Jacobsen, Stuart Kahn, Henry J. Noyes, Patricia McDermott and Edward Freeman.

Results from the student poll which was conducted through the Scoop Sheet in order to ascertain whether there was sufficient student interest in a Civil Legal Aid program were very disappointing. The net returns were only six in number, therefore it is with regret that the Committee announces that plans for expansion must once again be shelved.